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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Prabodh M Dharia

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 January 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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1. **Status:** Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted on January 10, 2003 under reconsideration request have been placed of record in the file. Claims 1-20 are pending in this action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over , Watanabe et al. (6,405,242) in view of Kobayashi (5,826,211).

Regarding Claims 1,11, Watanabe et al. teaches the projection display apparatus (figure 1, Col. 6, Line 21,22) having communication interface (figure 1, Col. 6, Lines 16-19, Lines 1-4) controlled by a controller (figure 1, Col.5, Line 66 to Col. 6, Line 3) with an external device communicating to projection display device via the I/O ports (Col. 6, Lines 4-7) has storage section (Col.3, Line 54,55) and controlling portion (figure 1, Col.5, Line 66 to Col. 6, Line 3). A controlling section (portion) configured to, in response to an initialization signal input (Col. 6, Lines 10-14) through the first communication port, (Col. 6, lines 1-4).

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However Watanabe et al. does not teach specifically, a controlling section (portion) configured to, in response to an initialization signal input through the first communication port, store ID information corresponding to the initialization signal into the storage section, update the initialization signal into the storage section, according to a predetermined rule, and transmit updated initialization signal through the second communication port, the control section further configured to, in response to a command input through the first communication port, determine whether or not the command is directed to itself as a projection display apparatus of interest, based on address information included in the command and the ID information included stored in the storage section, and the control section is further configured to carry out a processing specified by command if the command is directed to itself as projection display apparatus of interest.

However, Kobayashi teaches a controlling section (portion) (Col. 2, Lines 53,54) configured to, in response to an initialization signal input through the first communication port (Col. 2, Lines 60-62), store ID information corresponding to the initialization signal into the storage section, update the initialization signal into the storage section, according to a predetermined rule (col.10, Line 63 to Col. 11, Line 4) and transmit updated initialization signal through the second communication port(Col. 11,Lines 5-40), the control section further configured to, in response to a command input through the first communication port, determine whether or not the command is directed to itself as a projection display apparatus of interest, based on address information included in the command and the ID information included stored in the storage section, and the control section is further configured to carry out a processing

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specified by command if the command is directed to itself as projection display apparatus of interest (Col. 12, Line 4 to Col. 13 Line 9)

It would have been obvious to one in ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Kobayashi in to the Watanabe et al. to have multi-projection system serially connected, thus multi-port communication could be achieved in point to point or broadcast environment.

Regarding Claims 2,12, Kobayashi teaches the control section is configured to transmit return information, which represents a result of the processing specified by the given command, through the first communication port after the processing has been completed, and if the control section receives return information input through the second communication port, the control section transmits through the first communication port the return information given through the second communication port (Col. 11, Line 51 to Col. 12, Line 3).

Regarding Claims 3,13, Kobayashi teaches the command input section and wherein control section carries out processing specified by the command input through the command input section only when an initialization signal having prescribed contents is input through the first communication port, the control section neglecting the command given through the command input section when the input initialization signal has no prescribed contents (Col. 3, Line 48 to Col. 4, Line 12).

Regarding Claims 4,14, Watanabe et al. teaches the initialized signal having the prescribed contents is input through the first communication port and a predetermined command is input through the command input section, the control section carries out a control to display an onscreen display menu to allow input of commands addressed to an arbitrary one of a plurality of projection display apparatuses including the projection display apparatus interest (Col. 14, Lines 53-60).

Regarding Claims 5,15, Kobayashi teaches the initialized signal having the prescribed contents is input through the first communication port, the control section transmits through the second communication port a piece of information that specifies at least one of a type of image signal supplied externally and a method of signal processing to be applied for the supplied image signal, when the initialized signal having the prescribed contents is not input through the first communication port, the control section receives through the first communication port the piece of information that specifies at least one of the type of image signal supplied externally and the method of signal processing to be applied for the supplied image signal and controls a processing applied for the supplied image signal according to the received piece of information (Col. 10, Line 62 to Col. 11, Line 50).

Regarding Claims 6,16, Watanabe et al. teaches the plurality of image signal input ports configured to receive image signals, wherein the control section an image signal input from one of the plurality of image signal input ports and controls projection and display of an image

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expressed by the selected image signal in response to a command given through the first communication port. (Col.12, Lines 40-58,).

Regarding Claims 7,17, Watanabe et al. teaches the control section is configured to delay an execution timing of the processing specified by the command given through the first communication port according to the ID information stored in storage section during the broadcast. (Col. 13, Lines 1-18).

Regarding Claims 8,18, Kobayashi teaches the command input section and wherein control section carries out processing specified by the command input through the command input section only when an initialization signal having prescribed contents is input through the first communication port, the control section neglecting the command given through the command input section when the input initialization signal has no prescribed contents (Col. 10, Line 62 to Col. 11, Line 4, Line 51 to Col. 12, Line 61).

Regarding Claims 9,19, Watanabe et al. teaches the initialized signal having the prescribed contents is input through the first communication port and a predetermined command is input through the command input section, the control section carries out a control to display an onscreen display menu to allow input of commands addressed to an arbitrary one of a plurality of projection display apparatuses including the projection display apparatus interest (Col. 13, Lines 19-28).

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Regarding Claims 10,20, Kobayashi teaches the initialized signal having the prescribed contents is input through the first communication port, the control section transmits through the second communication port a piece of information that specifies at least one of a type of image signal supplied externally and a method of signal processing to be applied for the supplied image signal, when the initialized signal having the prescribed contents is not input through the first communication port, the control section receives through the first communication port the piece of information that specifies at least one of the type of image signal supplied externally and the method of signal processing to be applied for the supplied image signal and controls a processing applied for the supplied image signal according to the received piece of information (Col. 10, Line 62 to Col. 11, Line 50).

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Matsukura et al.(6,335,739 B1) Terminal Operation System

Mizushima et al. (5,988,817) Multiprojection system

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Prabodh Dharia whose telephone number is (703) 605-1231. The examiner can normally be reached Monday- Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin Shalwala, can be reached at (703) 305-4938. The fax number of the group is (703) 872-9314.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4750.

Any response to this action should be mailed to:


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